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H. R. 1179

To authorize appropriations for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically black colleges and universities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 1995

Mr. CLEMENT (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Historically Black Col-
5 leges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and
6 Preservation Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds that—

9 (1) the Nation’s historically black colleges and
10 universities have contributed significantly to the ef-

1 fort to attain equal opportunity through postsecond-
2 ary education for African-American, low-income, and
3 educationally disadvantaged Americans;

4 (2) over our Nation's history, States and the
5 Federal Government have discriminated in the allo-
6 cation of land and financial resources to support
7 these institutions, thus forcing them to rely on the
8 generous support of private individuals and other
9 charitable organizations;

10 (3) the development of this source of private
11 and charitable financial support for historically black
12 colleges and universities has resulted in structures
13 and buildings of historic importance and
14 architecturally unique design on the campuses of
15 these institutions; and

16 (4) many of these structures and buildings are
17 national treasures worthy of preservation and res-
18 toration for future generations of all Americans as
19 well as for the students and faculty of these institu-
20 tions.

21 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANTS FOR**
22 **HISTORIC BUILDINGS AT HISTORICALLY**
23 **BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

24 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—From the
25 amounts made available to carry out the National Historic

1 Preservation Act for the fiscal years 1996 through 1999,
2 the Secretary of the Interior shall make grants in accord-
3 ance with this section to eligible historically black colleges
4 and universities for the preservation and restoration of
5 historic buildings and structures on the campus of these
6 institutions.

7 (b) GRANT CONDITIONS.—Grants made under sub-
8 section (a) shall be subject to the condition that the grant-
9 ee covenants, for the period of time specified by the Sec-
10 retary, that—

11 (1) no alteration will be made in the property
12 with respect to which the grant is made without the
13 concurrence of the Secretary; and

14 (2) reasonable public access to the property
15 with respect to which the grant is made will be per-
16 mitted by the grantee for interpretive and edu-
17 cational purposes.

18 (c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND
19 STRUCTURES LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF
20 HISTORIC PLACES.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph
21 (2), the Secretary may obligate funds made available
22 under this section for a grant with respect to a building
23 or structure listed on the National Register of Historic
24 Places only if the grantee agrees to match, from funds

1 derived from non-Federal sources, the amount of the grant
2 with an amount that is equal or greater than the grant.

3 (2) The Secretary may waive paragraph (1) with re-
4 spect to a grant if the Secretary determines from cir-
5 cumstances that an extreme emergency exists or that such
6 a waiver is in the public interest to assure the preservation
7 of historically significant resources.

8 (d) FUNDING PROVISIONS.—(1) Not more than
9 \$23,000,000 for fiscal year 1996 may be made available
10 under this section.

11 (2) Of the amounts made available under this section
12 for fiscal year 1996, \$5,000,000 shall be available only
13 for grants under subsection (a) to Fisk University.

14 (3) Of the amounts made available under this section
15 for fiscal year 1996, \$8,000,000 shall be made available
16 only for grants under subsection (a) to Knoxville College.

17 (4) Of the amounts made available under this section
18 for fiscal year 1996, \$10,000,000 shall be available only
19 for grants under subsection (a) to those historically black
20 colleges and universities identified for inclusion in the De-
21 partment of the Interior Historically Black College and
22 University Historic Preservation Initiative.

23 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
24 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
25 Act.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For the purposes of this Act:

3 (1) The term “historically black colleges and
4 universities” has the same meaning given the term
5 “part B institution” by section 322 of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

7 (2) The term “historic building and structures”
8 means a building or structure listed on the National
9 Register of Historic Places or designated a National
10 Historic Landmark.

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